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More on Copyright

Williams & Wilkins Co., medical publishers, issued an open letter on October 2, offering their new solution to the problems of library photocopying and subscription rates, to be in effect until this issue is finally adjudicated by the courts.

A "Report of the Commissioner to the U. S. Court of Claims" was filed on February 16, 1972 (*News*, March 1972) on the copyright infringement suit filed by Williams & Wilkins Co. against the Federal Government. Since then there have been a number of efforts on the part of both the publisher and NLM to determine a mutually acceptable accommodation regarding photocopying and subscriptions, pending final adjudication.

Shortly after the Commissioner's report appeared, Williams & Wilkins established a plan based on their belief that the Commissioner's report (which recommended in favor of the plaintiff), unless reversed, had "the full weight of law." The plan called for an increase in the journal subscription rate to institutions, which would include an automatic license to make unlimited single-copy reproductions of all articles, current and past, in journals that they published which carried an institutional rate. In addition, the plan called for a five-cents-per-page fee for interlibrary loan reproduction.

Libraries' and educational institutions' reaction to the publisher's proposal was generally adverse. NLM refused to renew its subscriptions under these conditions. We were willing to pay institutional rates, but without any reference to license or royalty for photocopying.

Williams & Wilkins has issued an open letter to "customers and friends" stating that they have now accepted the NIH-NLM position. "Our new institutional rates, which we shall continue to request, shall have no connection whatever with a license to photocopy, implied or otherwise....Libraries may continue to supply their users with royalty-free, single-copy reproductions of W&W journal articles....We are [also] without prejudice withdrawing our proposal for the five-cents-per-page interlibrary loan fee until the appeal of our case has been heard."

The National Library of Medicine and the NIH Library, sharing Williams & Wilkins' concern with maintaining the flow of biomedical and other scientific information to the professional communities, have agreed to this proposal. These libraries

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Medical Editors Convene

Dr. Irvine H. Page, editor of *Modern Medicine*, moderated a panel including four other distinguished editors on September 18, in an NLM-sponsored seminar designed to examine the problems and mechanisms of modern medical communications. "The needs of scientists [in obtaining information] are actively being studied and often fulfilled," wrote Dr. Page recently, "but these have currently small relevance to the practitioner."

The four panelists who considered such problems as relevance, timeliness, and quality of medical communications were: Dr. John A. D. Cooper, former editor of the *Journal of Medical Education;* Dr. Edward Huth, *Annals of Internal Medicine;* Dr. Franz J. Ingelfinger, *New England Journal of Medicine;* and Dr. George L. Fite, a senior editor of the *Journal of the American Medical Association.*

The panelists and approximately 40 other invited editors of biomedical journals held lively open discussions on the copyright issue; the dubious value of many redundant reports; and problems of medical writing and editing. The last evoked many expressions of opinion concerning the editorial function: whether an editor should revise, or even rewrite, a paper of scientific value which is unacceptable as submitted; whether the author should be asked to revise it (which several editors maintained was the only way in which such authors might "learn to write"); or whether other redactorial services should be sought.

Other topics of discussion were the release of scientific manuscripts prior to formal presentation of publications, the selection of periodicals for indexing and abstracting, and the place of the medical journal in the learning process.

Medical Writers Honor NLM Director

The American Medical Writers Association recently elected Dr. Martin M. Cummings, NLM Director, an honorary fellow "in recognition of high qualifications, personal and professional, in medical communication."

The certificate of election was accepted by Dr. Robert Benford for Dr. Cummings, at the Association's meeting in Dallas, Texas on September 23.

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will pay the increased institutional subscription rates, with the understanding that this does not include a license to photocopy, and will continue to reproduce W&W journal articles for interlibrary loan without payment of any royalty.

New Deputy Director for NLM

Melvin S. Day, distinguished information scientist, has been appointed Deputy Director of the National Library of Medicine, succeeding Dr. G. Burroughs Mider, who retired from Federal service in June.

Mr. Day came to NLM on October 2, 1972, from the National Science Foundation, where, as Head of the Office of Science Information Service, he was responsible for executing the Foundation's programs in science information interchange among scientists both within the U. S. and abroad.

Mr. Day, a graduate of Bates College (Maine), and a chemist by training, served at NASA until joining NSF in February 1971. He began in 1960 as Deputy Director of the Office of Technical Information and Education Programs, moving through several positions to his final assignment as Deputy Assistant Administrator of the agency. Prior to his work at NASA, he was affiliated with the Atomic Energy Commission from 1946 to 1960, rising from chemist in the Technical Information Division at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, to Director, Division of Technical Information, AEC Headquarters in Washington.

Mr. Day serves on numerous committees, among them the Committee on Scientific and Technical Information (COSATI), of which he was chairman; Federal Library Committee; Chairman, Panel on the Management of Environmental Quality Information Systems (OECD); and UNESCO International Advisory Committee on Documentation, Libraries and Archives.

He is a member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, American Society for Information Science, New York Academy of Sciences, Special Libraries Association, and American Chemical Society.

Learn MEDLINE with MEDLEARN

The George Washington University Medical Center, Washington, D.C., has been awarded a one-year, $17,000 contract from the National Library of Medicine to develop a computer-assisted teaching program introducing health personnel to MEDLINE, the Library's on-line, interactive bibliographic searching system.

The program to be developed by GW researchers is entitled "MEDLEARN: An On-Line Orientation to MEDLINE." It will serve as a computer-terminal-oriented, interactive tool suitable for both new and experienced users. MEDLEARN will facilitate the users' ability to tap the stored resources of MEDLINE by familiarizing them with techniques of search strategy.

Investigators at the GW Medical Center include Dr. Charles S. Tidball and Mr. Bruce Bon, Departments of Medicine and Physiology, and Mrs. Phyllis Soben and Miss Martha Leredu, of the Medical Libraries.

"Louis Pasteur, 1822 - 1895"

Pastel portrait of his mother, rendered by Pasteur while in his teens.

On December 27, 1822, Louis Pasteur, son of a tanner and former sergeant in the armies of Napoleon, was born in obscurity at Dôle, France. Today his name is known and honored throughout the world for his contributions to the health and welfare of humanity. A great scientist, above all a great experimentalist, he was also a crusader who became the nineteenth century's greatest symbol of triumphant science.

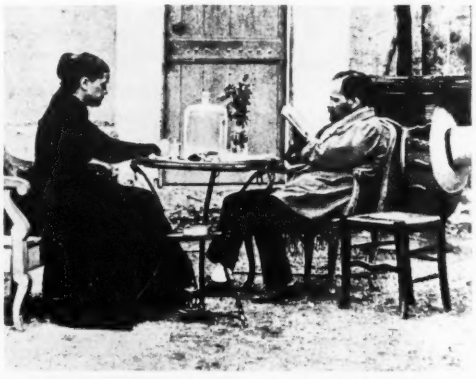
The National Library of Medicine honors the achievements of this distinguished investigator, on the occasion of the 150th anniversary of his birth, in an exhibit in the NLM lobby from October 2, 1972 to February 4, 1973.

On display are selected books and manuscripts from the Library's collections, illustrating Pasteur's contributions to science and human welfare. Of particular interest are the many manuscripts in his own hand -- drafts of papers, letters, speeches, and reports prepared in his varied capacities as scientist and researcher, educational administrator, and patriot.

Among the materials are some of his most significant articles published in the Comptes Rendus [Proceedings] of the Académie des Sciences -- his first paper on fermentation (1858), and his first report on rabies treatment, for example. A printer's proof with corrections and annotations in Pasteur's own hand is also displayed.

The exhibit includes prototypes of glassware that Pasteur used in his laboratory; a twenty-foot linear display delineating Pasteur's scientific work; and a rich assortment of pictorial material loaned by the Pasteur Institute in Paris.

The Library is proud to honor the memory of Louis Pasteur, who spoke of himself as a man "who believes invincibly that Science and peace will triumph over ignorance and war, that peoples will join together, not to destroy, but to build, and that the future will belong to those who have done the most for suffering humanity."



Pasteur dictating to his wife at their villa in Pont-Gisquet, France, about 1867.

"Louis Pasteur, 1822-1895" is on display during the Library's regular hours: Monday through Friday, 8:30 a. m. to 9:00 p. m., Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (closed Sundays).

Personnel

Mr. Seymour I. Taine has been named Chief of NLM's Technical Services Division. Mr. Taine is already familiar to many NLM staff members; he came to the Library in 1950, to serve as Editor-in-Chief of the *Current List of Medical Literature (CLML)* until 1959. He subsequently served as Project Officer for the NLM Index Mechanization Project, Editor-in-Chief of *Index Medicus*, MEDLARS Project Officer, and Chief of the Bibliographic Services Division. In 1964, he became Acting Associate Director for Intramural Programs.

Mr. Taine left NLM in mid-1964 to be a consultant to the World Health Organization in Geneva, returning later that year to become Program Director, Federal Science Information Program, Office of Science Information Services at the National Science Foundation. Later, after a two-year stint (1966-68) as Chief of the Information Services Branch, Scientific and Technical Information Division, NASA, Mr. Taine assumed the position of Chief of the Library Branch at the National Institutes of Health, from which he returned to NLM.

Mr. Taine is a member of numerous professional organizations, in most of which he has served prominently. They include among others, the Medical Library Association, the American National Standards Institute, Fédération Internationale de Documentation, Association for Computing Machinery.

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Newly appointed Deputy Chief of NLM's Reference Services Division is Miss Carol Spencer, who comes to NLM from the Library of The College of Physicians of Philadelphia, where she served as Director of Regional Services since February 1970. Miss Spencer, a native Philadelphian, received her A.B. in Chemistry from the University of Pennsylvania in 1946. After holding a number of jobs as a practicing chemist, she joined the Smith, Kline & French Laboratories as a literature scientist from 1955 to 1965. After earning an M.S. in Information Science from Drexel University in 1966, Miss Spencer worked in London with Aslib as a research associate with the Institute for the Advancement of Medical Communication, prior to joining the staff of the College of Physicians of Philadelphia Library in July 1968.

NLM Staff at Medical History Congress

The Library was well represented at the XXIII International Congress of the History of Medicine, which took place in London September 2-9. Dr. Peter Krivatsy, History of Medicine Division, delivered a paper entitled "Paracelsus in Basel: The Time of Change." Both Dr. John B. Blake, Chief, History of Medicine Division, and Dr. Jeanne L. Brand, Chief, International Programs Division, Extramural Programs, chaired various sessions or discussion panels through the seven-day meeting. Also present were NLM Director Martin M. Cummings, M.D., Dr. Leroy L. Langley, Chief, EP, and Miss Marjorie Stuff of HMD.

Dr. Bridgman Completes Year's Chairmanship

Dr. Charles F. Bridgman, Director of NLM's National Medical Audiovisual Center in Atlanta, recently completed his one-year chairmanship of the Federal Advisory Council on Medical Training Aids.

During a council meeting held in September at the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology (Walter Reed campus), Dr. Bridgman discussed NMAC's current activities and priority programs. Council attendees were particularly interested in NMAC's development of a "clearinghouse" of information on instructional media, and in their experimentation with "video abstracts" (two-minute previews of an audiovisual program's highlights, which enable the professional user to better determine the program's applicability to his needs before purchase, rental, or loan of the full program).

Members of the Federal Advisory Council on Medical Training Aids are representatives from NLM, Army, Navy, Air Force, Veterans Administration, and the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology. The Department of the Navy representative will assume the chairmanship during the coming year.

The Library received a delegation of eminent Soviet scientists on August 2, during their two-day visit to various NIH installations. Pictured above (from left) are Dr. Boris V. Petrovsky, Minister of Health, USSR; NLM Director Martin M. Cummings, M.D.; the interpreter; and Dr. Nikolai N. Blokhin, Director of the Institute of Experimental and Clinical Oncology, Moscow.

New Literature Searches

Single copies of the bibliographies listed below are available (without charge) from the Literature Search Program, Reference Section, National Library of Medicine, 8600 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, Maryland 20014. *The name and address of the requestor, typed on a gummed label, must accompany all requests (no return postage necessary). Order by Literature Search number in addition to title.*

A complete list of the Literature Searches presently available may be obtained from the above address. (This list also appears monthly within the introductory pages of *Index Medicus* and the *Monthly Bibliography of Medical Reviews.)*

L. S. No.	Title
72-25	Physical management of rheumatoid arthritis. January 1969 - July 1972. 54 English-language citations.
72-26	Mobile coronary care units. January 1969 - August 1972. 51 citations.
72-27	Helicopter ambulance service. January 1969 - August 1972. 19 citations.
72-28	Ambulance service. January 1969 - August 1972. 29 citations.
72-29	Tay-Sachs disease. January 1969 - August 1972. 98 citations.
72-30	Research and training support in medicine. January 1969 - August 1972. 225 English-language citations.
72-31	Plastics and phthalate esters. January 1969 - September 1972. 135 citations.
72-32	Health care for adolescents. January 1969 - September 1972. 17 citations.
72-33	Effects of noise on man (and animals). Supplement to Literature Search 12-38. January 1969 - September 1972. 214 English-language citations.

NLM Staffer Elected to Gorgas Committee

Miss Mary E. Corning, Special Assistant to the Director (NLM) for International Programs, was recently elected to the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee of the Gorgas Memorial Institute of Tropical and Preventive Medicine (GMI). The Institute is a living memorial to General William Crawford Gorgas for his outstanding accomplishments in the control of diseases in the American tropics. Its headquarters are in Washington, with two operating units, the Gorgas Memorial Laboratory and the Middle Atlantic Research Unit in Panama. Its programs include biomedical research and training in tropical medicine, parasitology, and virology.

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